

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/EP 03/07296

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 A01K1/015

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 A01K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

WPI Data, PAJ, EPO-Internal

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X A	US 5 780 385 A (HUMPHRIES JAMES P ET AL) 14 July 1998 (1998-07-14) column 3, line 27 -column 10, line 51; figures	1-3,17, 18 4-16
X	US 3 978 818 A (HELDENBRAND LADD L) 7 September 1976 (1976-09-07) column 2, line 7 -column 4, line 68; figures	1,2,4, 17,18
A	WO 88 00434 A (YANANTON PATRICK) 28 January 1988 (1988-01-28) page 17, paragraph 2 - paragraph 6; figures	1,17
A	US 5 347 950 A (KASBO DECEASED LOYD G ET AL) 20 September 1994 (1994-09-20) abstract; figures	1-7
	--- -/--	

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents :

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- *E* earlier document but published on or after the International filing date
- *L* document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- *O* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- *P* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

- *T* later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
- *X* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone
- *Y* document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.
- *G* document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

26 September 2003

Date of mailing of the international search report

06/10/2003

Name and mailing address of the ISA

European Patent Office, P.B. 5818 Patentlaan 2
NL - 2280 HV Rijswijk
Tel: (+31-70) 340-2040, Tx. 31 651 epo nl,
Fax: (+31-70) 340-3016

Authorized officer

A. Forjaz

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/EP 03/07296

C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
P,A	<p>WO 02 071837 A (LANGE DIETMAR ;MARS INC (US)) 19 September 2002 (2002-09-19) page 1, paragraph 1 -page 6, paragraph 3; figures</p>	1-7

BEST AVAILABLE COPY

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

PCT/EP 03/07296

Patent document cited in search report		Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
US 5780385	A	14-07-1998	US 5830765 A	03-11-1998
			US 5871432 A	16-02-1999
			AU 4594396 A	19-06-1996
			WO 9617245 A1	06-06-1996
			US 5685259 A	11-11-1997
			AU 5607894 A	10-04-1995
			BR 9307889 A	25-06-1996
			CA 2172279 A1	30-03-1995
			EP 0722267 A1	24-07-1996
			JP 9506504 T	30-06-1997
			WO 9508263 A1	30-03-1995
			US 5730085 A	24-03-1998
			US 5727499 A	17-03-1998
			US 5655479 A	12-08-1997
			US 5656008 A	12-08-1997
			US 5921907 A	13-07-1999
			AT 154285 T	15-06-1997
			AU 3808793 A	08-11-1993
			CA 2133420 A1	14-10-1993
			DE 69311543 D1	17-07-1997
			DE 69311543 T2	08-01-1998
			EP 0633839 A1	18-01-1995
			JP 2691075 B2	17-12-1997
			JP 7503424 T	13-04-1995
			WO 9319931 A1	14-10-1993
US 3978818	A	07-09-1976	US RE30424 E	04-11-1980
WO 8800434	A	28-01-1988	AU 7875787 A	10-02-1988
			EP 0277997 A1	17-08-1988
			WO 8800434 A1	28-01-1988
			US 5025752 A	25-06-1991
			US 5359960 A	01-11-1994
US 5347950	A	20-09-1994	CA 2080725 A1	26-11-1993
			US 5488930 A	06-02-1996
WO 02071837	A	19-09-2002	DE 10112128 C1	10-10-2002
			WO 02071837 A1	19-09-2002